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	Examiner Niketa I. Patel	Art Unit 2182	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 January 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 6-9, 15 and 16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4, 5, 10-14 and 17-19 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 25 June 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) The invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-3, 6-9 and 15-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Tam et al. U.S. Patent Number: 6,067,573 (hereinafter referred to as "*Tam*")
3. **Referring to claim 1**, *Tam* teaches a device operative in a communication network having a network node, comprising: at least one port operative to exchange control plane information with said network node [see column 2, lines 30-57 and column 3, lines 5-26 and column 4, lines 1-5]; and a memory portion operative to mirror control plane information received from said network node via said at least one port [see column 4, lines 26-30, 62-67 and column 5, lines 1-15], wherein said control plane information is connectivity information associated with said network node [see column 4, 62-67 and column 5, lines 1-15.]
4. **Referring to claim 7 and 15**, *Tam* teaches a communication network, comprising: a first device having a first memory and a first port [see column 4, lines 26-30, 62-67 and column 5, lines 1-15]; a second device having a second memory and a

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second port operative to exchange information with said first port associated with said first device via a communication link [see column 4, lines 26-30, 62-67 and column 5, lines 1-15], a portion of said second memory operative to store control plane information, wherein said second device is operative to transmit at least a portion of said control plane information to said first device, and said first device is operative to receive said control plane information and store said received control plane information in said first memory, wherein the mirrored control plane information is connectivity information associated with the second device [see column 2, lines 30-57 and column 3, lines 5-26 and column 4, lines 1-5.]

5. **Referring to claims 2 and 8**, *Tam* teaches wherein said control plane information includes a label information database [see column 4, 62-67 and column 5, lines 1-5.]

6. **Referring to claims 3, 9 and 16**, *Tam* teaches wherein said label information database is maintained by said network node, and said device is further operative to synchronize said memory portion with said label information database [see column 5, lines 6-15.]

7. **Referring to claim 6**, *Tam* teaches further including a plurality of memory portions, each operative to mirror a label information database for a particular link [see column 4, lines 26-42.]

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Allowable Subject Matter

8. The indicated allowability of claims 3, 9 and 16 is withdrawn in view of the newly discovered reference(s) to *Tam*. Rejections based on the newly cited reference(s) are stated above.

9. Claims 4-5, 10-14 and 17-19 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

10. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The following documents have been made record of to further show the state of the art as it pertains to forwarding connectivity data for one node to another node:

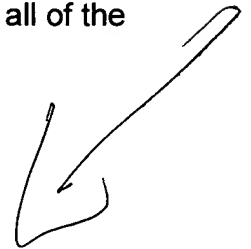
Norin et al. U.S. Patent Number: 5,787,247

Croslin U.S. Patent Number: 6,295,275 B1

Hong et al. U.S. Pat. App. Pub. No. 2004/0213233 A1

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Niketa I. Patel whose telephone number is (571) 272 4156. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

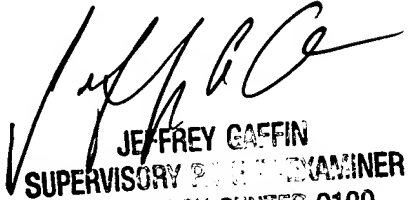
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeffrey A. Gaffin can be reached on (571) 272 4146. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.



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